GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2314
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2002
NATIONAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The total amount spent on National Literacy Campaign and achievement made as against the yearly targets during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the States have failed to achieve the set targets and have shown unsatisfactory performance in this regard;

(c) if so, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the literacy rate in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government propose to implement any special scheme to bring about qualitative improvement in literacy rate in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) A statement indicating the State/UT wise funds sanctioned and released under the National Literacy Campaignis annexed. The objective of the National Literacy Mission is to attain full literacy i.e. sustainable threshold level of 75% by 2005.

According to the information received from the states, the number of persons made literate till December 31, 2001 under all the schemes of the NLM is96.64 million. Among the total number of persons made literate, 60% were women, 21.23% were Scheduled Castes and 11.79% were Scheduled Tribes.

The Census 2001 Provisional Reports indicates that India has made significant progress in the field of literacy during the decade since the last census in 1991. The literacy rate in 2001 has been recorded at 65.38% as against 52.21% in 1991. The 13.17 percentage points increase in the literacy during the period is the highest increase in any decade. The total number of non-literates has come down from 328 million in 1991 to 296 million in 2001. All States and Union Territories without exception have shown increase in literacy rates during 1991 to 2001. Three fourths of our male population and more than half of the female population is literate.

(c),(d) & (e) Steps taken to give greater thrust to remove illiteracy include revision of National Literacy Mission parameters and enhancement of financial norms; integration of phases of Total Literacy and Post Literacy; delegation of powers to State Literacy Mission Authorities; enlarging the scope of Continuing Education; strengthening of Jan Shikshan Sansthans and extending their activities in rural areas; revitalizing State Resource Centres for preparation of better teaching learning materials and improved quality of training. The National Open School is also providing resource support for literacy programmes. In addition to the above, programmes on literacy are being broadcast on the Doordarshan, F.M. Channel and on All India Radio regularly.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b)&(c) OF LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2314 FOR 30.7.2002 BY COL.(RETD.) SONA RAM CHOUDHARY REGARDING NATIONAL LITERACY CAMPAIGN

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	1999-2000 Amount Sanctioned and Released	2000-2001 Amount Sanctioned and Released	2001-2002 Amount Sanctioned and Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	629.65	405.00	527.28
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Assam	227.85	104.63	32.69
4	Bihar	147.28	223.78	1047.83
5	Chattisgarh	0.00	0.00	60.15
6	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Gujarat	733.11	879.04	230.94
8	Haryana	59.10	27.56	33.30
9	Himachal Pradesh	30.52	34.35	107.50
10	Jammu Kashmir	15.00	0.00	0.00

11	Jharkhand	0.00	35.00	119.43
12	Karnataka	477.76	2367.23	628.82
13	Kerala	324.05	606.25	623.75
14	Madhya Pradesh	136.59	111.15	87.87
15	Maharashtra	412.66	103.30	1818.85
16	Manipur	0.00	0.00	7.50
17	Meghalaya	0.00	7.50	7.50
18	Mizoram	0.00	59.40	118.80
19	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Orissa	258.17	57.50	741.81
21	Punjab	45.83	20.83	10.00
22	Rajasthan	1039.76	258.90	453.13
23	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Tamil Nadu	84.77	48.50	1929.38
25	Tripura	0.00	7.50	383.05
26	Uttar Pradesh	588.32	502.00	1488.99
27	Uttaranchal	0.00	18.31	281.58
28	West Bengal	313.15	598.15	768.94
29	Chandigarh	2.30	0.00	21.99
30	Delhi	70.00	20.00	0.00
31	Pondicherry	0.00	31.92	31.92
32	Daman Diu	0.80	0.00	0.00
33	Andaman Nicobar	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Dadra Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	NOS, Delhi			
TOTAL		5596.67	6527.80	11563.00